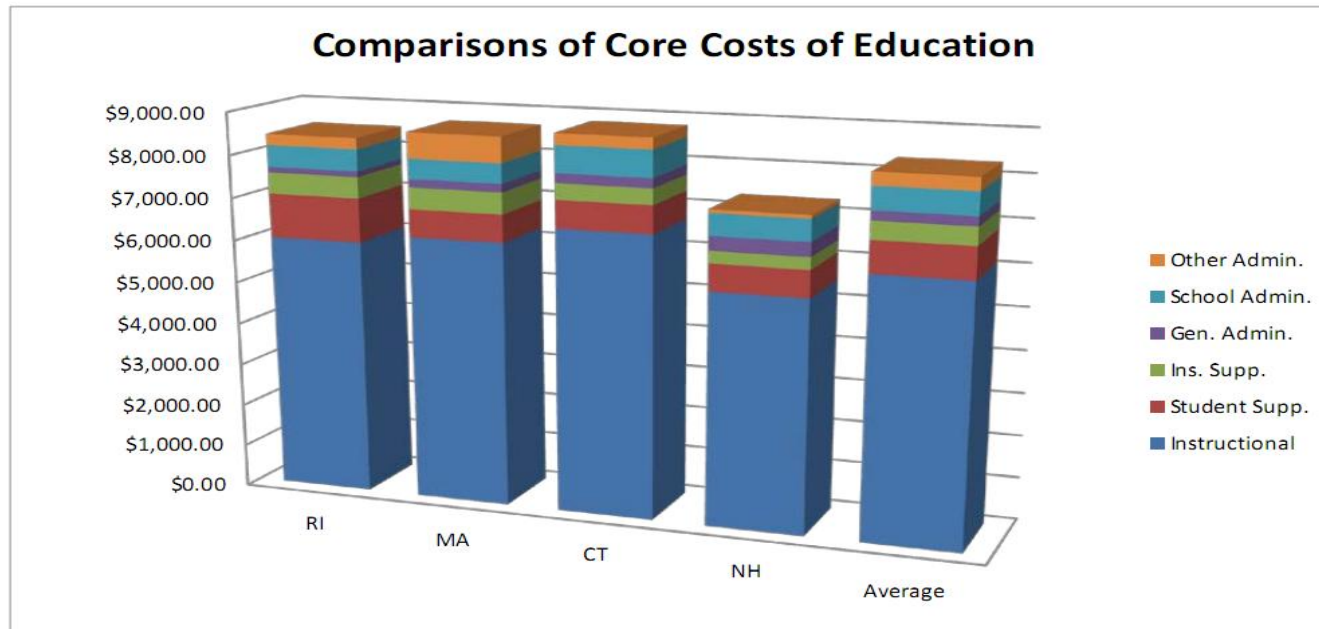


Building a strong foundation. “The Core Cost of Education”
Recommended foundation amount for Rhode Island = \$8,295



2008 \$\$	Instructional	Student Supp.	Ins. Supp.	Gen. Admin.	School Admin.	Other Admin.	Total
RI	\$6,024	\$1,033	\$498	\$129	\$511	\$258	\$8,453
MA	\$6,235	\$651	\$505	\$191	\$464	\$605	\$8,651
CT	\$6,648	\$650	\$374	\$223	\$627	\$266	\$8,788
NH	\$5,457	\$630	\$283	\$330	\$506	\$83	\$7,288
Average	\$6,091	\$741	\$415	\$218	\$527	\$303	\$8,295

Foundation/Base Formula (25 states and Washington, D.C.) – This method provides for a base-funding amount that is multiplied by a weight for each student. The weight factor varies depending on the perceived level of the student’s educational needs.

States that use foundation/base formula funding: AL, AR CO, CY FL, IO, IL, ID, KS KT, LA MN, MD, MN,NH, NJ, NM, ND, OH, OK, SC, SD, TX, UT & VT.

Source: Griffith, M. (2005). State Education Funding Formulas and Grade Weighting. Education Commission of the States. <http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/59/81/5981.htm>

What's in the Core Foundation Amount?

BEP

Section NCES Categorical Name

InSite Function 100: Face to Face Teaching & Classroom Materials

All Teachers: Includes full and part time teachers for **all** programs, teacher assistants, and substitute teachers.

All Fringe Benefits: Fringe benefits except Teacher Retirement.

G13-2 All Purchased Services: Contracted technical and professional services

Instructional Supplies & Textbooks

Dues, fees, professional memberships

InSite Function 200: Pupil, Teacher & Program Support

Social workers, Guidance Counselors, Nurses, Psychologists, Occupational, Physical and Speech Pathologists, Audiology.

Supplemental amounts for coaching, supervising extra curricular activities, bus supervision, summer school teaching

G13-1.2, All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category.

G13.3, Instructional Support Services including Library & Media, Computer Lab Staff, Curriculum

G13.4, Coordinators, Professional Development & PD Staff

G-14,

G15-2.2 Purchased services: Contracted labor and equipment for any of the salaried categories listed above. Supplies, books, periodicals, curricular books, films, slides, tapes, video tapes, television programs, reference books not in classroom Dues and fees for professional membership in organizations.

300 Operations (Selected Items)

G15-2, Business, Central & other supports services.

G15-2.1, All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category.

G15-2.3, **G15-** Purchased services: Individuals contracted to perform business, central or other support services

500 Leadership

General Administration: Salaries for Superintendent & staff, School Board & Negotiations

All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category.

Purchased Services: Expenditures for legal firms, election services, staff relations, negotiation services.

G-15,

G15-1.2 Supplies: Books, periodicals, gen. supplies, paper, printing materials for board and for budget Dues & fees for membership to prof. organizations Salaries for School Principal & Staff and Department Chairs All Fringe Benefits except Retirement for staff in this category.

Purchased Services: Consultants, school scheduling firms, administrative staff in service training
School Admin. - Supplies Books, periodicals & general supplies
Dues and fees for prof organizations. Misc. expenditures for goods and services

What is not included in the core instruction foundation amount?

Total Cost of Teacher Retirement*

Expenditures funded by Group Home Aid

Food Service, Transportation, Safety, Bldg Upkeep, Utilities & Maintenance,

Budgeted Contingencies, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Retiree Benefits,

Out of District Tuition & Transportation, Non Public Textbooks,

Enterprise/Community Service & Claims & S

Expenditures funded by Federal funds

Items included in the Core Foundation amount that provide supports for students also covered by the additional Student Need weight:

- Teachers and Teacher Assistants/Paraprofessionals as well as substitute teachers for Special Education, English Language Learners, and Career & Technical Education. This includes all grades taught in the district PK-12. Both wage and benefits costs, excluding retirement, are included.
- Includes hospital and homebound teachers and the cost of third-party instructional services for district students.
- Includes cost of staff tutoring and the costs of school-to-career staff.
- Includes field support coordinators, school to career staff, Intervention Specialists, Learning through Internship Coordinators, Child Outreach Screeners, Instructional Coaches, and Literacy Coaches.
- Includes the costs of nurses, medical staff and costs associated with physical and psychological evaluations for instructional purposes, physical and mental health services that are not direct instruction.
- Also includes activities associated with administering psychological tests and interpreting the results, gathering and interpreting information about student behavior, and working with other members on planning school programs to meet the special needs of students.
- Includes Evaluators, Social Workers, Therapists (all types including Occupational, Physical and Speech), Psychologists, Counselors serving specific program needs, Audiology services, and personal attendants.
- Includes instructional equipment and specialized assistive technology and the associated costs of services contracts as well as repair and maintenance of this equipment.

Please note that all of the above services are provided to students based on their level of need. For those students who require a higher intensity of services, the additional Student Need weight will provide funds for that higher intensity.